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SUBJECT: HALF OF THE CABINET IS LEAVING FOR TALKS IN MAPUTO

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1. TANGOV ANNOUNCED AUGUST 9 THAT 11 MINISTERS WILL
LEAVE FOR MOZAMBIQUE AUGUST 16 TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE
TANZANIA-MOZAMBIQUE PERMANENT COMMISSION OF COOPERATION IN
MAPUTO BEGINNING AUGUST 17. AN ADDITIONAL 19 OFFICIALS
WILL LEAVE FOR THE TALKS ON AUGUST 12.

2. FINANCE AND PLANNING MINISTER MTEI WILL LEAD THE
MINISTERIAL DELEGATION COMPOSED OF: RULEGURA (TRADE),
SITTA (WORKS), OLE SAIBULL (NATURAL RESOURCES AND
TOURISM), MSUYA (INDUSTRIES), MGONJA (NATIONAL CULTURE
AND YOUTH), MALECELA (AGRICULTURE), JAMAL (COMMUNICATIONS
AND TRANSPORT), MZEE (VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE), KUHANGA
(NATIONAL EDUCATION), AND MKAPA (FOREIGN AFFAIRS).

3. THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT THE MEETING WILL REVIEW
THE RESULTS OF THE LAST COMMISSION SESSION, HELD IN
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DAR ES SALAAM IN NOVEMBER 1977. PREVIOUS MEETINGS WERE
HELD IN DAR IN APRIL 1976 AND IN MAPUTO AT THE END OF
1976. THE ANNOUNCEMENT POINTED TO TRADE INCREASES
AS THE MAJOR RESULT, NOTING THAT TANZANIA'S EXPORTS TO
MOZAMBIQUE DURING THE 1976-1977 FINANCIAL YEAR WERE
ABOUT 2.7 MILLION DOLLARS AND THAT TANZANIA'S IMPORTS
FROM MOZAMBIQUE DURING THE SAME PERIOD TOTALLED ABOUT

3.8 MILLION DOLLARS.

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4. COMMENT. THE DISPATCH OF ABOUT HALF OF ITS CABINET TO MOZAMBIQUE MAY REPRESENT A NEW HIGH IN TANZANIA'S INVESTMENT IN ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH MOZAMBIQUE. IN THE MOST RECENT GATHERING, ALL SENIOR OVERSEAS DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH COUNTRIES MET AT A JOINT CONFERENCE IN ARUSHA IN MARCH AND THEN THE WHOLE GROUP TOURED TANZANIA AND MOZAMBIQUE FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS (MAPUTO 489).

5. MASS, HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE IS A POSSIBLY UNIQUE ELEMENT OF THE STYLE OF TANZANIAN-MOZAMBICAN BILATERAL RELATIONS. FOR TANZANIA'S PART, THE SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT IN SENIOR MANPOWER IS INDICATIVE OF AT LEAST A COMMITMENT TO BUILDING A STRONG POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH MOZAMBIQUE. THE SUBSTANCE OF OTHER ASPECTS OF TANZANIAN-MOZAMBICAN RELATIONS, APART FROM A SMALL FLOW OF TRADE, IS ELUSIVE. PREVIOUS COMMISSION AND SUB-COMMISSION SESSIONS HAVE RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (E.G., INDUSTRIES, TRANSPORTATION, RUVUMA RIVER VALLEY) BUT SEEMD TO HAVE BEEN MORE CONCERNED WITH SYMBOLS OF COOPERATION THAN WITH SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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